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NOTICE OF TROUT STREAM CLASSIFICATION

Pursuant to NR 1.02(7)(c), Wis. Adm. Code, the Department of Natural Resources gives public notice of the classification of 17 streams (listed below) in Crawford, La Crosse and Vernon Counties as new or upgraded trout water.

The Department shall waive any hearing requirement on this classification unless a written request for hearing is received before November 20, 2020. Requests should be sent to Kirk Olson, Wisconsin DNR, 3550 Mormon Coulee Road, La Crosse, WI 54702.

A Class I Trout Stream is a stream or portion thereof with a self-sustaining population of trout. Such streams contain trout spawning habitat and naturally produced fry, fingerling, and yearling in sufficient numbers to utilize the trout habitat; or contains trout with 2 or more age groups, above the age of one year, and natural reproduction and survival of wild fish in sufficient numbers to utilize the available trout habitat and to sustain the fishery without stocking.

A Class II Trout Stream is a stream or portion thereof that contains a population of trout made up of one or more age groups, above the age one year, in sufficient numbers to indicate substantial survival from one year to the next, and may or may not have natural reproduction of trout occurring; however, stocking is necessary to fully utilize the available trout habitat or sustain the fishery.

A Class III Trout Stream is a stream or portion thereof that requires the annual stocking of trout to provide a significant harvest; and does not provide habitat suitable for the survival of trout throughout the year, or for natural reproduction of trout.

The following streams are proposed for classification or reclassification as trout water. Unnamed streams are described by the named stream which they are a tributary to and, in parenthesis, the Section, Township, and Range at which the streams converge with the named stream:

Crawford County

Unnamed Tributary to Tainter Creek (Section 32, T11N, R4W) in the town of Utica will be classified as Class I brown trout water for its entire length. This stream was not previously classified.

Unnamed Tributary to Tainter Creek (local name: Conway Creek; Section 32, T11N, R4W) in the town of Utica will be classified as Class I brown trout water for its entire length. This stream was not previously classified.

La Crosse County

Unnamed tributary to Mormon Coulee Creek (Section 13, T15, R6W): in the town of Greenfield will be classified as Class I brown trout water for its entire length. This stream was not previously classified. Unnamed tributary to Mormon Coulee Creek (Section 23, T15N, R6W) in the town of Greenfield will be classified as Class I brown trout water for its entire length. This stream was not previously classified.

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Unnamed tributary to Mormon Coulee Creek (Section 26, T15N, R6W) in the town of Greenfield will be classified as Class I brown trout water for its entire length. This stream was not previously classified.

Unnamed tributary to Mormon Coulee Creek (Section 27, T15N, R6W) in the town of Greenfield will be classified as Class I brown trout water for its entire length. This stream was not previously classified.

Vernon County

Unnamed tributary to Coon Creek (Section 12, T14N, R6W) in the town of Hamburg will be classified as Class I brown trout water for its entire length. This stream was not previously classified.

Unnamed tributary to Coon Creek (Section 24, T14N, R6W) in the towns of Hamburg and Coon will be classified as Class I brown trout water for its entire length. This stream was not previously classified.

Unnamed tributary to Coon Creek (Section 7, T14N, R5W) in the town of Coon will be classified as Class I brown trout water for its entire length. This stream was not previously classified.

Unnamed tributary to North Fork Bad Axe River (SE ¼ of Section 3, T13N, R5W) in the town of Jefferson will be classified as Class I brown trout water for its entire length. This stream was not previously classified.

Unnamed tributary to North Fork Bad Axe River (NE ¼ of Section 3, T13N, R5W) in the town of Jefferson will be classified as Class I brown trout water for its entire length. This stream was not previously classified.

Rocky Run (Section 32, T13N, R3W) in the town of Webster will be classified as Class I brown trout water for its entire length. This stream was not previously classified.

Unnamed Tributary to the West Fork Kickapoo (Section 31 T14N, R3W) in the town of Clinton will be classified as Class I brown trout water for its entire length. This stream was not previously classified.

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Unnamed Tributary to the West Fork Kickapoo (Section 30 T14N, R3W) in the town of Clinton will be classified as Class I brook and brown trout water for its entire length. This stream was not previously classified.

Elk Run (Section 4, T12N, R3W) in the towns of Webster and Liberty will be classified as Class II brown trout water for its entire length. This stream was not previously classified.

Unnamed Tributary to Reads Creek (Section 27, T12N, R4W) in the towns of Franklin and Viroqua will be classified as Class I brook trout water for its entire length. This stream was not previously classified.